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"To realize God's presence is the one sovereign remedy against temptation."
—*Fenelon.*

SCHEDULE

1915

March 1. Lantern Lecture, Y. M. C. A. Tent. Meeting of Executive Committee, 8 A.M.
,, 2. Meeting of the Board of Directors, 5-30 P.M.
,, ,, Junior Football Tournament Finals, 5 P.M.
,, 3. "The Indian Mutiny"—Rev. Meldrum, M.A., Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 4. Literary Union—Boys' Branch.
,, ,, "The Need of India"—J. R. Scan, B.A., Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 5. Concert, Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 6. Royapettah Boys' Branch Entertainment, 4 P.M., Wesley College Hall.
,, ,, Bioscope, 7 P.M., Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 7. Men's Meeting—Auditorium, 4 P.M.
,, ,, Territorial Department, P. S. E., 7-30 P.M.
,, 8. Anniversary Meeting—His Excellency the Governor presides.
,, ,, Lantern Lecture, Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 11. Literary Union—Boys' Branch.
,, 12. Concert, Y. M. C. A. Tent.
,, 13. Bioscope ,, ,,
,, 14. P. S. E. ,, ,,
,, 15. Lantern Lecture, Y. M. C. A. Tent.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. A. A. Paul who has served the Association as Student Secretary for nearly four years has been called by the Executive Committee of the National Student Movement to serve as one of its travelling Secretaries during the absence of Mr. F. V. Slack. Mr. Paul will travel in South India and Bengal, giving full time to the work. In the North Mr. Behari Lal Rallia Ram of the Forman Christian College will serve on half time visiting colleges in Bombay Presidency, United Provinces and the Punjab. We regret exceedingly to see Mr. Paul leave his work here but rejoice in this new opportunity for a wider field of service.

THE 4TH DEVONS

A RECEPTION BY THE Y. M. C. A.

The Ladies' Committee of the Madras Young Men's Christian Association gave a Tea and Concert in honour of the 24th Devonshire Regiment at the spacious tent erected near the west entrance to the Fort on Monday, the 22nd February. Over 300 men and a large number of the officers were present. The tent was gaily decorated with flags and evergreens and the Ladies' Committee spared no pains in making the occasion a thoroughly enjoyable one. A representative gathering of the European community of Madras was present.

Refreshments were lavishly served in the open air by the ladies, after which those present assembled in the tent for the Concert. In the absence of the Hon. Mr. R. C. C. Carr, the Hon. Mr. Pittendrigh extended a hearty welcome to the regiment to Madras. He said that this function had to be postponed for several weeks on account of the restrictions placed on the men upon their arrival in Madras. The Concert commenced with a popular song "Off to Philadelphia" sung by Mr. Parsons who followed it with another song "Longshoresman Billie," both of which were well received. Pte. Middleweek next sang the regimental marching song "Bonnie Loch of Scotland," the audience joining in the chorus heartily. Mrs. Scott delightfully sang "Angus Macdonald" which was followed by a dance by Pte. Twichen who kept the audience in roars of laughter. Miss Morrison's song "My Ain Folk" proved to be a favourite with many and was very much appreciated. The songs "My Baby Close Your Eyes" and "Captain Ginger" by Capt. Bone and Lce.-Cpl. Cooker were simply delightful, the latter being encored. The well chosen selections from the "Quaker Girl" by Miss Carmichael were vociferously cheered. This was followed by other songs by Cpl. Hutchins and Pts. Dart and Beazeley. Mrs. Eaton's popular song "Where the Shannon River Flows" brought the musical part of the programme to a close. Miss Bowers very kindly accompanied most of the vocalists on the piano.

The Concert was followed by a lantern lecture on "Cashmere" by Miss Kelly which was illustrated with very interesting slides. Major Cousins next expressed the hearty appreciation of the officers and the men of the regiment to Mrs. Pears and the ladies of Madras for their entertainment. He said that the men had had a rough time upon their arrival, but judging from the evening's function, he believed that the remainder of their stay in Madras would be very pleasant indeed. Three lusty cheers for the ladies and "God Save the King" brought the proceedings to a close. The Y. M. C. A. wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the ladies for their generous Tea and Concert, Messrs. Ossler & Co. for the electric installation,

and Messrs. Wrenn, Bennett & Co. for the decorations.

Mr. K. J. Saunders writes from France :—

"We have for the past fortnight given out between 1,000 and 2,000 postcards and letters and papers daily and written about 400 letters daily for the men. The barber shop is also kept hard at it all day. . .

Some of the men have told us that before the Y. M. C. A. came they just sat and moped talking of friends and relations who have died at the front but now the atmosphere is very cheerful."

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

School of Commerce. The classes will be closed on the 16th of March, that being a commercial holiday.

Students should note the following changes in the syllabus for Shorthand and Typewriting :—

The speed in Shorthand for the Elementary grade has been increased to 60 words per minute and in Typewriting, in addition to the tabular statements, students will be given a letter from a rough and unarranged draft in manuscript for correction and fair copying.

The Government Technical examinations will be held on the 21st April and subsequent days. A complete time-table will appear in our next issue.

PERSONNEL

"*A young man's first twenty-four hours in a city may determine his eternal destiny.*"

Mr. Noronha has won the silver medal for championship in Draughts. Congratulations to him.

Messrs. J. Verughis and George Zachariah have taken up residence elsewhere after their stay in the Y. M. C. A. Hostel for over seven years. The hostellers had a combined inter-group dinner and gave a hearty send-off to them. Our best wishes go with them at their new residences.

Messrs. Raghavan and Ittycheriah have come back into our midst on a month's leave. Their connection for the last few months with the Hospital Ship "Madras" has been to them a most delightful experience and they are waiting to go once again as soon as their University examination in Medicine is over.

Y. M. C. A. AND THE CHURCHES

"*You can test the modern community by the degree of its interest in its Young Men's Christian Association.*'—WOODROW WILSON.

In Madras efforts are being taken to arrange for occasional lantern lectures and cinema shows in the various Tamil Churches in the City.

A HEARTY WELCOME

is extended to our members on the 8th March when the 25th Anniversary of the Association will be celebrated and His Excellency will give away the prizes to the winners in Sports, Tournaments, etc.

Admission for the members to the Anniversary Meeting will be on production of their membership tickets.

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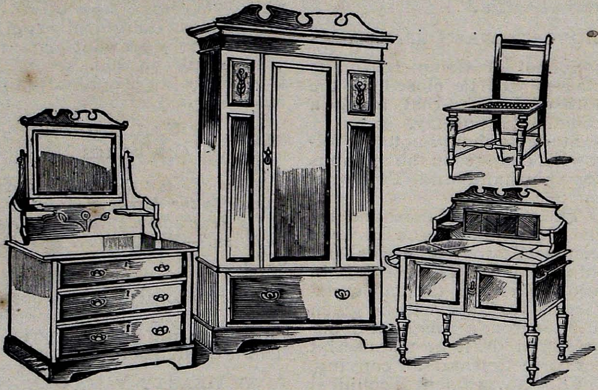

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Corporal Hutchings, they had listened to a very satisfactory Report by Mr. Herman, which showed how well the Association had been doing during the past year, and then they had heard from Mr. Carter a most interesting account of the history of the Y. M. C. A. for the past twenty-five years, all that had been done in developing the Y.M.C.A. movement in India and all that it was now doing and the share that Madras had had in making it possible to do what was being done for the troops at the front in this troubled crisis, through which they were passing. All they had heard that evening served to bring home to them the feeling that they were brothers one to another, and that no harm or good could come to any one of them that did not affect all. It must be a matter of great pride and satisfaction, as it certainly was of congratulation from all their friends, to those who, for many years, had been bearing the heat and burden of the day working for the Association to feel that even in the short space of twenty-five years they could trace results in the enormous increase of the movement and its influence in India and in other parts of the world. It had evidently given rise to what Mr. Carter had described as the transformation of the Y. M. C. A. movement at Home, and to the work which was being done for young men all over the world.

Now all of them he knew were willing to help the Madras Y. M. C. A. to the best of their power. There was great need for doing so. At this time especially the words which had fallen from Mr. Carter must have impressed that upon them for the terrible conflict now going on must surely bring home to them not only the waste of it all, the destruction and misery of it all, but also the waste and destruction that went on around them in times of peace. He remembered hearing once a great preacher standing in Westminster Abbey at the end of a sermon pointing across London, across the houses and streets, to the miles and miles of smoke, and saying: "If you want to add to the riches of the world, you have not to go to South Africa to develop the mines of Johannesburg. It is here and now under your eyes that the undeveloped riches of this great city lie". It was the same here if His Excellency might use such a simile. It was the same here in the Madras Presidency and in India and in every other country.

Let them cast their eyes across the towns and villages and see the people how far short they were of being developed to their full height of health and strength and manhood; and let them remember what this Association was trying to do for the young men of this Presidency and all over the world. But it should not stop there. The young men who came to the Y. M. C. A. to be educated and helped in their professions and to be welcomed encouraged and strengthened when they were far from their own home, should see to it that the love of man was to go from them to their fellow-men and that they did their best while

they were healthy and strong and active to develop to the full height of their manhood the people whom they saw around them day by day. That was the work which the Association had been trying to do, and it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their endeavours to do that work that they were celebrating that night. He was sure all of them would go away strengthened and encouraged by what they had heard, and, he hoped, resolved in their hearts to do all they could for the great cause in the future. (Applause.)

The Hon'ble the Rev. G. Pittendrigh read a telegram from the Hon'ble Mr. R. C. C. Carr, the President, of the Madras Association, from Delhi, regretting his inability to attend and wishing the Association all success. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency. The proceedings terminated with the Benediction pronounced by the Rev. T. Subramaniam.

BOYS' BRANCH

The competition in Badminton for the two medals given by Kannappan, a member of the branch, took place in the second week of February and the prizes were won by Venkatachary and Ranganathan.

The Junior Football Tournament for the S. Manuel Trophy was competed for by nine teams this year, viz., Doveton College, Bishop Corrie's, Pachiappa's, H. T. H. School, Purasawalkam Union, Perambur Club and two home teams, central and combined. The cup was won by the combined Y. M. C. A. team, consisting of six players from the central and five from Royapettah Branch. We congratulate the winners on their success.

The junior members of the Royapettah Branch of the Association gave a delightful entertainment at the Royapettah rooms on the 6th. After an enjoyable social and games, those present adjourned to the Wesley College Hall when an interesting programme was gone through. There was a large gathering and the Hon. Mr. Justice F. H. B. Tyabji occupied the chair. The proceedings commenced with a song by the Christian members of the Branch after which Mr. Sathiadoss entertained the audience with a Banjo Solo. Mr. S. D. Srinivasan next recited in fine style "Spartacus to the Roman Gladiators." The violin duet and the comic speech by Master Walter Howie were well received—Masters Handoo and Baker sang "It is a long way to Tipperary" with action which was encored. After a farce, little Johnnie sweetly recited "I want to go to sleep" and this was followed by Mr. Mahadevan's Dramatic recitations from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice and the staging of a few scenes from Hamlet. Mr. H. C. Herman, General Secretary of the Association, explained briefly the objective of the Association.

It was a work he said undertaken by young men and boys for young men and boys. It enabled them to bring about a friendly feeling among boys of various interests and of stimulating friendly competition in games and other